

Francisco Ruiz House
San Antonio, Texas.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
Bartlett Cocke, District Officer
615 Maverick Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

FRANCISCO RUIZ HOUSE
Dolorosa St., San Antonio, Bexar Co., Texas.

Owner: Merchants Transfer Co. San Antonio, Texas.

Date of Erection: Prior to 1850

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Adobe, cypress, oak and pine.

Other Existing Records: DeZavala Chapter, Texas Landmarks Association
San Antonio, Texas.

Additional Data:

The house is constructed of adobe, and originally contained four rooms and a porch across the entire front. It is one story with a pitched roof. Woodwork is of pine, cypress and oak. Cypress wood was used mostly, as was true of all houses built in this locality at that time, due to the plentifulness of the wood. Cypress trees grew quite abundantly along the creeks and the San Antonio River.

The original builder of the house is unknown. It was used at one time by Col. Francisco Ruiz, one of the signers of the Declaration of Texas Independence. Col. Ruiz was the builder of Fort Tenoxtitlan which was located near the site of the first skirmish between the Mexican and Texas troops in 1836.

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